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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, in the above-captioned application.

THE DRAWING

The Examiner objected to the drawing for allegedly failing to show that “the suspension acts as a pivot” (as recited in claim 34). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The specification provides that the suspension 3 in Figs. 2 and 3 has a high shear stiffness, which resists deflection of the panel periphery “but acts as a pivot to allow the panel to hinge about the suspension....” Page 9, lines 11-22 (§54 of the published application). *See also* page 12, lines 15-18 (§60 of the published application). Further, with reference to Figs. 10 and 10a, the specification provides that

the panel is extended on one side beyond this suspension so that an exciting system comprising a lever element 11 and an inertial exciter 4 is mounted outboard of the suspension 3 and operates by bending the panel about the fulcrum provided by the suspension 3.